



## GRADUATION 2016

### General Information

Ordering Academic Regalia (*tam, hood, gown & tassel, the tassel is actually yours to keep and not a rental.*)

### Commencement Ceremony

The School of Law's commencement ceremony is scheduled for Sat., May 21, 2016, outdoors on the North Campus Quadrangle directly in front of the law school building. In the event of inclement weather, a change of venue announcement will be made at the entrance to the Law Library at 9:00 a.m. on Sat., May 21, or if possible, an e-mail will be sent out earlier to the law school's official law student email listserv (i.e., [lawstu16@listserv.uga.edu](mailto:lawstu16@listserv.uga.edu); [lawllm@listserv.uga.edu](mailto:lawllm@listserv.uga.edu)) *(The rain location for the commencement ceremony is Stegeman Coliseum located on South Campus.*

### Time of Commencement Ceremony

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude around 11:30 a.m.

### Invitations to the Saturday Commencement Ceremony

You may order official graduation invitations from a vendor of your choice (e.g., UGA Bookstore, Bel-Jean's, Kinko's, off the internet, etc.) *There is no limit of the number of guests you may invite to attend the Saturday commencement ceremony and no limit of the number of guests who choose to attend the Saturday graduation ceremony.*

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**Hilton Garden Inn** 706.353.6800  
390 East Washington St., Athens, GA 30601  
Room Block Drops: 4/28/16  
Reservation Code: OOLSG

**Holiday Inn Hotel** 706.549.4433  
[www.hi-athens.com](http://www.hi-athens.com)

197 E. Broad St., Athens, GA 30601  
Room Block Drops: 4/28/16  
Reservation Code: LAW/University of Georgia

**Holiday Inn Express Hotel** 706.546.8122  
513 W. Broad Street  
Athens, GA 30601

Room Block Drops: 4/28/2016  
Reservation Code: LAW/University of Georgia

**Link to review all hotels available in Athens, GA:**

<http://www.georgiahotels.com/>

or

[www.visitathensga.com/stay\\_and\\_do/where\\_to\\_stay](http://www.visitathensga.com/stay_and_do/where_to_stay)

### Schedule of Commencement Events Friday, May 20

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

School of Law open to guests of 2016 graduation candidates for self-guided tours.

6:00 p.m. - Cocktail Reception for Class of 2016 and their guests (*UGA Tate Student Center Addition, Grand Hall*)

7:30 p.m. - Dinner on your own

### Saturday, May 21

8:30 a.m. - Assistance with Donning Regalia - Law school staff will be available Rusk Hall on the first floor to assist individuals in donning their regalia. Tassel is to be worn over the left eye (*indicating you have already received a baccalaureate degree.*) You do not switch the tassel after receiving your law degree.

9:00 a.m. - Class Photograph will be taken (*Please begin congregating at 8:50 a.m. for the photo.*) The J.D. & LL.M. class photograph is scheduled to be taken at 9:00 a.m. sharp on the steps leading from Herty Drive to Baldwin. LL.M. candidates' group photo will be at 9:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m. - Line Up for the Processional  
All graduation candidates will begin to line up in alphabetical order by last name for the processional. Registrar will distribute index cards that have both your name and a number printed on them. The number helps to make lining up alphabetically much easier. Please keep this card with you until you cross the stage. The line will form starting at the Northeast corner of the law library and stretch down the sidewalk towards the UGA Chapel.

10:00 a.m. - Processional  
The processional will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. and will be led by Athens-Clarke County Sheriff Ira Edwards.

### **Accepting Your Diploma Tube**

After the speeches, the presentation of the LL.M. candidates and the conferring of degrees to the J.D. candidates, each graduate will walk across the graduation stage to accept a diploma tube as one of the Honorary Marshals reads their name aloud. The GradImages Photography Co. has been engaged to take individual photos as you cross the graduation stage and accept your diploma tube. Family members and friends are welcome to take their own photos of this particular moment. Space is limited in front of the

stage so we ask that individual photographers only stay at the front to snap photos of their graduate and then leave the area so others may come forward.

### **Diploma**

The diploma tube you receive on Saturday does NOT contain your diploma. Diplomas will be mailed to graduates once all grades are in and honors have been determined (e.g., *cum laude, magna cum laude*, etc.) Generally, diplomas are mailed in late June. **For framing purposes, the size of the diploma you will receive is 12" x 15".**

### **Length of Commencement Ceremony**

The ceremony can last anywhere from 75 minutes upwards to 90 minutes. Water stations are placed strategically thru the crowd and 2,500 folding chairs are set for guests. Additionally, there is plenty of standing room on North Campus, and the law school building will be open in the event a guest needs to go inside for a while.

### **Rain Location**

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(*The rain location for graduation is the Volleyball Arena at the Ramsey Center located at 330 River Road.*)

***For those who cannot tolerate heat, there will be a live feed in Classroom F at the law school.***

### **Returning regalia and the diploma tube**

After the graduation ceremony concludes and you have taken all the photos you want with friends and faculty members and you are ready to leave the quadrangle, **please return the gown, hood, tam, and diploma tube to the lobby area (outside classrooms A & B.)** The purple tassel is yours to keep.

### **For Questions call:**

Lisa C. Mathis, Sr. Events Coordinator  
at 706.542.5075 **or e-mail**  
[lcmathis@uga.edu](mailto:lcmathis@uga.edu)

**Sample Wording for School of Law  
Graduation announcement**  
(*should you choose to print your own invitations*)

The Faculty and Graduating Class  
of the

University of Georgia School of Law  
announce that

(*insert candidate's name here*)

is a candidate for the degree of  
Juris Doctor (or Master of Laws)

at the

Commencement Exercises  
on the morning of Saturday,  
the twenty first of May  
two thousand and sixteen

at ten o'clock

University of Georgia

North Campus Quadrangle

Athens, Georgia